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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
(Claiming Priority to German Appl. No. DE 103 03 571.0)
Appl. No.: to be assigned
Filed: herewith
Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation
of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**
Inventor(s): Rieping, Mechthild
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/80921

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Patent Application entitled:

**PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION
OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY**

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the application comprising:

27 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-27);
7 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 28-34);
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 35);
1 sheet of formal Drawings (labeled as Fig. 1); and
8 pages of Sequence Listing (numbered separately as pages 1-8);

2. a 3.5 inch diskette containing a compute readable copy of the Sequence Listing;
3. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
4. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account;
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. Submission of Priority Document in Accordance with the Requirements of Rule 55; and
7. Two (2) return postcards.

This application claims the benefit of German application no. DE 103 03 571.0, filed on January 30, 2003, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.

Fee Calculation

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Filing Fee					770.00
Total Claims Fee	20	20=	0	\$ 18.00	0.00
Independent Claims Fee	2	3 =	0	\$ 86.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee				\$ 290.00	290.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					1,060.00

The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without the Declaration and without the filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcards be stamped with the serial number and the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

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Applicants hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicants to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicants do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/80921.

Respectfully submitted,

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